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In re Application of:)
Martin SCHADT et al.) Group Art Unit: 2871
Application No.: 10/076,565) Examiner: T. Ton
Filed: February 19, 2002)
For: OPTICAL COMPONENT AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE)

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Sir:

Response

This communication responds to the Office Action dated August 18, 2003.

Please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks.

The Examiner rejected pending claims 22-31 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,369,869 and claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,160,597. To expedite prosecution, applicants submit with this Response a Terminal Disclaimer that should avoid both rejections. The filing of the Terminal Disclaimer does not constitute an admission of the propriety of the rejections. See MPEP § 804.02.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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